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Honorable Douglas F. Eaton United States Magistrate Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1360 New York, New York 10007

> e: Khawar Maqsood v. Astrue 07 Civ. 3002 (DAB)(DFE)

Dear Judge Eaton:

This Office represents the defendant, Commissioner of Social Security, in the above-referenced matter. Upon review of plaintiff's opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss or in the alternative for summary judgment, I have determined that I need additional information from the Agency to prepare defendant's reply. Therefore, with the consent of plaintiff pro se, I respectfully request a one week extension of time to file defendant's reply, from today, January 16, 2008, until January 23, 2008.

Two prior extensions were granted to defendant to respond to the complaint.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Respectfully,

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